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## CHAPTER II

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
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(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)**

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International Application Number	International Filing Date	International Earliest Priority Date

**TITLE OF INVENTION: WORKPIECE RETAINER AND METHOD FOR ATTACHING/DETACHING  
WORKPIECE BY USING THE SAME**

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1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

- a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).
- b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below:

2. Fees

CLAIMS FEE	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS	9 - 20 =	0	x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 - 3 =	0	x \$80.00 =	\$0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$270.00				\$0.00
BASIC FEE	U.S. PTO WAS NOT INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY Where no international preliminary examination fee as set forth in § 1.482 has been paid to the U.S. PTO, and payment of an international search fee as set forth in § 1.445(a)(2) to the U.S. PTO: where a search report on the international application has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(5)) ..... \$860.00				\$860.00
	Total of above Calculations				= \$860.00
SMALL ENTITY	Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable.				- \$0.00
	Subtotal				\$860.00
	Total National Fee				\$860.00
	Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)).				- \$0.00
TOTAL	Total Fees enclosed				\$860.00

A check in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the above fees are enclosed.

3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) has been communicated by the International Bureau. Date of mailing of Notice Informing The Applicant Of The Communication Of The International Application To The Designated Office (from form PCT/IB/308): 30 March 2000.

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4. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)) have not been transmitted applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19.  
Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210): 18 January 2000.
5. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)) has not been transmitted for reasons indicated in section 4.
6. A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409) without Annexes is transmitted herewith.
7. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115 is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration is attached to the application.

II. Other document(s) or information included:

8. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is transmitted herewith.
9. Additional documents:
  - a. Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
  - b. International Publication No. WO 00/17284  
Specification, claims and drawing
  - c. Copy of Notice Informing The Applicant Of The Communication Of The International Application To The Designated Office (PCT/RO/308)
10. The above items are being transmitted before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

**AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayments, that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No.: 06-1075

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